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Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
The Portals
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Ex Parte, AT&T-BT Global Venture
IB Docket No. 98-212

Dear Ms. Salas:

On behalf of AT&T Corp. ("AT&T") and British Telecommunications plc ("BT"), the applicants in the above-referenced proceeding (the "Applicants"), we are writing to update information contained in the filings made by the Applicants and their affiliates in the proceeding regarding the status of certain FCC authorizations that are the subject of the proceeding. Specifically, AT&T hereby updates the record in the proceeding to reflect the current status of the cable landing licenses, earth station authorizations and Section 214 authorizations that are the subject of the applications pending in this proceeding (the "Applications").

With respect to its cable landing licenses, AT&T reports that its license for Columbus III, File No. SCL-98-005, was issued file number SCL-LIC-19980527-00007 under the new format introduced by the FCC in August 1998 and was granted August 20, 1999. Additionally, pursuant to an order adopted July 8, 1999, AT&T obtained an interest in the Japan-United States ("Japan-US") cable network authorized by the FCC. The interest in Japan-US will be contributed to the Global Venture between AT&T and BT. AT&T also is a party to two other

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applications for cable landing licenses that currently are pending and were filed subsequent to the filing of the Applicants' request for authority to form the Global Venture: (1) TAT-14, File No. SCL-LIC-19990303-00004 and (2) MAYA-1, File No. SCL-LIC-19990325-00006.

With respect to its earth station licenses, AT&T reports that three of its authorizations can be deleted because they are no longer in service: KA79, Dallas, Texas; KA206, Mountain House, California; and KA86, Mountain House, California. AT&T also reports the addition of four new C Band earth station authorizations: (1) E980066, File No. SES-LIC-19971103-01587 (receive only), Triunfo Pass, California, expiring 3/13/08; (2) KB32, SES-MOD-19980723-00952, Triunfo Pass, California, expiring 11/12/06; (3) E980493, SES-LIC-19900409-00002, Roaring Creek, Pennsylvania, expiring 05/29/01; and (4) KA426, SES-MOD-19960424-01352, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, expiring 10/4/04.

With respect to its Section 214 authorizations, the file number for Columbus III was changed to ITC-214-19980527-00346, and was granted pursuant to an Order released on August 20, 1999. Additionally, an application for MAYA-1, File No. ITC-214-199990325-00153 should be added and is still pending; the authorization for Intersputnik Satellite System, ITC-90-035 should be deleted because it is no longer in service.

As a final matter, the Applicants request that, consistent with prior Commission precedent concerning the merger of licensed operations, the grant of the authority requested by the Applicants include the authorization to include (1) any international authorization issued to AT&T or its subsidiaries and affiliates during the Commission's consideration of the Applications and the period required for consummation of the transaction filing approval and (2) any applications that will have been filed by AT&T and its subsidiaries or affiliates that are pending at the time of consummation of the proposed transaction. Such an action would be consistent with prior decisions of the Commission, and is appropriate in these circumstances, where the substantial ongoing business operations of the Applicants have continued as usual during the period in

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which the Applications have remained pending. See Tele-Communications, Inc., and AT&T Corp., CS Docket No. 98-179, released Feb. 19, 1999, 156; Teleport Communications Group, Inc. and AT&T Corp., 13 FCC Rcd. 15236 (1998).

Please direct any questions or inquiries concerning this matter to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'DL' followed by a long horizontal stroke.

David L. Lawson

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